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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Government have taken any steps to verify whether the agreement of 1902 with regard to the Bethamangalam tank is or is not being adhered to by the Mysore Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"If the hon. Member means whether we have written to the Mysore Darbar, the answer is in the negative. The hon. Member himself wrote to me in April informing me that 30 million gallons of water were paid for in the Bethamangalam ayacut. That is equivalent to 57·6 million cubic feet per annum. The total amount of draw-off permitted is 72 million cubic feet. Therefore even allowing for what may be drawn off as free supply, it did not seem to me that any case is made out against the Mysore Government."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know why the Government did not get the official figures for water used from the Bethamangalam tank by the Mysore Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I am not prepared to ask for information which will imply that we have doubts whether the Mysore Government are carrying out their obligation or not."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"Was not this Palar Committee constituted by the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I presume the hon. Member is referring to a Committee appointed by the Government."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"If it is a Government Committee that calls for necessary information, what is the difficulty in calling for it and supplying the same to the Committee?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I have already explained the reasons."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"Have the Government informed the Committee that they would not call for the information?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"We are endeavouring to collect certain information asked for by the Committee."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask when this Committee called for certain information, why that information has not been called for?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice."

The tanks situate in the Palar basin.

* 99 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the tanks situated in the Palar basin in the Mysore area;

(*b*) whether all or any of these tanks are mentioned in the treaty clauses between the British and the Mysore Government or in the agreement relating to the raising of the tank-bund of the Bethamangalam tank;

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(c) where the Amanikarai tank is situate;

(d) whether the river Palar does not drop and take from the Amanikarai tank; and

(e) whether the capacity of the above tank has not been increased in recent years?

A.—(a) According to a statement made by the Mysore Darbar there are over 1,500 tanks in the Palar basin lying within the limits of Mysore.

(b) A few tank drainages are mentioned in the agreement of 1892 which provides that for the construction of new irrigation reservoirs across these drainages the previous consent of this Government should be obtained. The 'agreement' of 1902 relating to the Bethamangalam tank applies to that tank only.

(c) There are two Amanikeres in the Kolar district—one, the Kolar Amanikere adjoining the town of Kolar on the east, and the other, the Somambudhi Amanikere right across the Palar, about 9 miles to the north-west of Kolar town.

(d) The Palar drops into the Somambudhi Amanikere and takes off from it.

(e) The Kolar Amanikere had its waste weir raised by six feet to store more water for the water-supply to Kolar town. Government have no information as to whether the capacity of this Somambudhi Amanikere was increased in recent years.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to the answer to clause (e), may I ask whether the non-official members of the Committee did not make a report to the Committee that it had come to their knowledge that the level of the Amanikere tank bund had been raised?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is there not in the Government records the report of one of the Executive Engineers to the effect that he found that the Amanikere tank bund level had been raised?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"Considering the admittedly inadequate supply of water in the Palar river, have the Government got any proposal to improve matters?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Not at present."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask what has been the result so far of the investigations made?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to the answers to clauses (a) and (b), may I ask whether the list of 1,500 tanks

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in the Palar basin lying within the limits of Mysore and the list of tank drainages mentioned in the agreement of 1892, will be made available to the Members of this House or at least to those interested in this question?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I will consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Repairs to the river channel in Mal-Mimal village, Wallaja taluk.

* 100 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the river channel in Mal-Mimal village of the Wallaja taluk is in a neglected condition and whether it is a fact that on this ground remissions are being granted even during the first crop;

(b) when repairs were last executed to this channel; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Collector had recommended the construction of an aqueduct, and if so, the reason why this proposal has been given up?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Irrigation Board for Nandyal tanks.

* 101 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether and, if so, when an Irrigation Board was sanctioned for the distribution and control of water from the tanks in Nandyal; and

(b) the rules relating to its constitution and functions?

A.—(a) An Irrigation Board was first formed by the Collector in 1916.

(b) The rules[a] for the working of the Board are appended.

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Grievances of the ryots under the Cumbum tank, Kurnool district.

* 102 Q.—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(i) whether there is any proposal before the Government to consider the grievances of the ryots under Cumbum tank (Kurnool) which has been drying up almost every year for the past 30 years; and

(ii) whether the Government have under consideration the question of investigating a suitable project for the above tank?

A.—(i) No.

(ii) No.

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